A regular meeting of the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Board was held at the Stevens T. Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan, on Thursday, July 13, 2023. The following members, staff, and observers participated:

Members Present:

Dr. Patricia Chatman, Community College Administrator/Trustee Member Mark Greathead, School Superintendents
Liz Eastway, Active or Retired Non-certified Educational Support
Anne Hamming, Reporting Unit Board of Control
James Pearson, Retiree Member
Kevin Philipps, Representing Finance/Operations, non-Superintendents
Timothy Raymer, Acting Chair/Finance/Operations, Retirants, Member of largest retirant organization
John Solecki, General Public Member, Investment Experience

Staff Present:

Anthony Estell, Executive Secretary Nick Soucy, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Kathy Markman of the Attorney General's office; Allison Wardlaw, Joe Rauschenberger and Chanda Donnan of the Office of Retirement Services; Erik Poppe of Willis Towers Watson; Regina Jamerson of Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan; Jocelyn Hain, Tracy Stephenson and Kevin Krotine from Optum RX; Royce Humm from MARSP;

Call to Order

Acting Chair Tim Raymer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

Anne Hamming moved, John Solecki supported, to excuse the absence of Brian Kwiatkowski. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Kevin Philipps moved, Dr. Pat Chatman supported, to approve the July 13, 2023, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes

John Solecki moved, Jim Pearson supported, to approve the May 18, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Reports

Regina Jamerson from Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan presented the Managed Medical Program to Board members and answered questions.

Jocelyn Hain of OptumRX presented the Managed Prescription Program to the Board members and answered questions.

Erik Poppe from Willis Towers Watson presented the MPSERS MHCP 2024 Strategic Initiative Package to the Board members and answered questions.

New Business

A. Resolution for Board Consideration and Approval

Kevin Philipps moved and Anne Hamming supported, that the Board adopt the Resolution honoring Scott Koenigsknecht, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. MPSERS 2023 Strategic Initiative Package

Kevin Philipps moved, and John Solecki supported, that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Health Insurance Committee in its entirety and update the plan in accordance with today's presentation and summarized in the memo from the Executive Secretary to the acting chairperson of the Board, Timothy Raymer and DTMB Director Michelle Lange. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision - Docket No. 22-003252-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Liz Eastway moved, and Dr. Chatman supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the May 5, 2023, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and grant the Petitioner's request criteria to include the amounts identified by ORS as nonreportable (i.e., the annuity payments) as reportable compensation for calculating "final average compensation" under MCL 38.1303a. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision - Docket No. 22-003630-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Liz Eastway moved, and Mark Greathead supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the May 26, 2023, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny the Petitioner's application for non-duty disability retirement benefits under MCL 38.1386. Liz Eastway offered case background. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision - Docket No. 22-003634-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Liz Eastway moved, and Kevin Phillips supported, that, with the correction of the applicable time period in the second and third paragraphs on page 7 of the PFD to March 2020 through November 2020, and based upon the Administrative Law Judge's Proposal for Decision including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law; and being otherwise fully informed, the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the April 13, 2023, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and grant the Petitioner's request to reverse ORS's decision and determine that Petitioner did not perform core services requiring forfeiture of his retirement allowance and insurance premium subsidies under MCL 38.1386(8) for the months of March 2020 through November 2020. Liz Eastway offered case background. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision - Docket No. 22-005244-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Liz Eastway moved, and Mark Greathead supported, that the Board move to adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the May 24, 2023, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and grant the Petitioner's request to enroll in the Pension Plus 2 Plan and direct ORS to process the retirement election form the Petitioner completed in May 2021 electing to participate in the Pension Plus 2 Plan. Liz Eastway offered case background. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Comments

Executive Secretary Anthony Estell reminded Board members to send officer nominations to the Nominating Committee by August 25, 2023 for the September 7th Board meeting. He also introduced Joe Rauschenberger as the new Recording Secretary for the MPSERS board. He also thanked Recording Secretary Nick Soucy for serving.

Board Comments

Board members thanked Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht for his many years of service to the MPSERS board.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

John Solecki moved, and Liz Eastway supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and Acting Chair Tim Raymer adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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